

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims ~~7-11~~, ~~13~~, ~~14~~ and ~~16-24~~ without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims ~~12~~ and 15 as follows:

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12. (Amended) A toothbrush assembly comprising:

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- a) a holder being a handle of a toothbrush with a bristle head thereon,  
said handle having a shape of a body of an animate object and  
including a first end and a second end, said first end containing  
expanded vertical and horizontal members taking on a shape of arms  
making up part of said body of said animate object and said second  
end containing expanded vertical and horizontal members taking on  
a shape of legs and ankles of said body of said animate object;
  - b) a stand to retain said holder in an upright position, said stand having  
a shape of a pair of feet matching said body of said animate object  
and including a base on which said pair of feet are mounted, both  
said feet and said stand each including a slot for receiving said  
second end of said handle and said stand; and
  - c) a cover to fit over said bristle head [of said toothbrush], when not in  
use, so that said bristle head will remain sanitary and hygienic, in  
which said cover will keep airborne bacteria and dust from settling  
upon said bristle head [of said toothbrush], will prevent fingers of a  
person from touching said bristle head [with the fingers], to transfer

*[of said holder]*

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[over] ~~ever~~ present bacteria thereto and said cover in place will indicate that said bristle head is kept clean and is not to be touched.

Claim 15, line 1, please change "13" to --12--.

Please add claims ~~27-45~~ as follows:

--27. A toothbrush assembly comprising:

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- a) a handle in a shape of a torso of an animate object, said handle having a first end, a second end and a bristle head extending from a side of said first end; and
  - b) a stand extending from said second end of said handle for retaining said handle in a vertical position when placed on a horizontal surface, said stand having a shape of feet matching said shape of said handle, said feet extending in a same direction as said bristle head and torso.--

--28. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 27, further comprising a cover having a shape of a head matching said shape of said handle for selectively covering said bristle head.--

--29. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 27, wherein said stand is releasably connected to said handle.--

--30. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 29, further comprising a base connected to a bottom side of said stand for providing additional stability to said stand.--

--31. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 29, wherein said stand includes a recess extending therethrough at a heel of said feet for selectively receiving said second end of said handle therein.--

--32. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 30, wherein said stand includes a recess extending therethrough at a heel of said feet for selectively receiving said second end of said handle therein.--

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--33. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 32, wherein said base includes a recess extending therethrough and aligned with said recess in said stand for selectively receiving said second end of said handle therein.--

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--34. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 27, wherein said first end of said handle further includes expanded vertical and horizontal members having a shape of arms extending therefrom.--

--35. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 33, wherein said second end of said handle further includes expanded vertical and horizontal members having a shape of legs matching said torso.--

--36. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 27, wherein said second end of said handle further includes expanded vertical and horizontal members having a shape of legs matching said torso.--

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--37. A toothbrush assembly comprising:

- a) a handle having a first end, a second end and a bristle head extending from a side of said first end; and
- b) a stand including a recess extending therethrough for selectively receiving said second end of said handle and thereby releasably connecting said stand to said second end of said handle for retaining said handle in a vertical position when placed on a horizontal surface, said stand having a shape of feet, said feet extending in a same direction as said bristle head.--

--38. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 37, wherein said handle is in a shape of a torso of an animate object matching said shape of said feet and further comprising a cover having a shape of a head matching said shape of said handle for selectively covering said bristle head.--

--39. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 37, wherein said recess is positioned at a heel of said feet.--

--40. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 39, further comprising a base connected to a bottom side of said stand for providing additional stability to said stand.--

--41. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 37, wherein said first end of said handle further includes expanded vertical and horizontal members having a shape of arms extending therefrom.--

--42. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 37, wherein said second end of said handle further includes expanded vertical and horizontal members having a shape of legs.--

--43. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 38, wherein said first end of said handle further includes expanded vertical and horizontal members having a shape of arms extending therefrom matching said torso.--

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--44. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 38, wherein said second end of said handle further includes expanded vertical and horizontal members having a shape of legs matching said torso.--

--45. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 40, wherein said base includes a recess extending therethrough and in alignment with said recess in said stand for receiving said second end of said handle therein.--

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 12, 15, and 25-45 are pending in the application. In response to this Office Action claims 7-11, 13, 14, and 16-24 have been canceled, claims 27-45 have been added and claims 12 and 15 have been amended.